

Cologne Academy Families-

I am looking forward to seeing everyone during conferences! We have had an excellent start to 2016-17 and I am looking forward to the great year ahead.

Thanks to all who came back to school for the parent talk on Mindset on September 27th. I would love your feedback- is this something Cologne Academy should host again, should we continue on the same topic, perhaps offer more guided practice and/or make the next session more action-orientated to strategies to use at home, etc.?

If you missed the talk on Mindset or want a refresher, here is an excerpt from the presentation.

Here are three ways we, as parents and educators, can assist our children/students to have a growth mindset.

*Recognize your own mindset: Be mindful of your own thinking and of the messages you send with your words and actions.

*Praise the process: Praising kids for being smart suggests that innate talent is the reason for success, while focusing on the process helps them see how their effort leads to success.

*Model learning from failure: When parents talk positively about making mistakes, kids start to think of mistakes as a natural part of the learning process.

Some phrases that we may use at home or with friends that could use a growth mindset overhaul:

Example- You are working hard trying to master Instagram on your smartphone, you are stuck, and you say, "I'm dumb." A better phrase that shows growth mindset is "What am I missing?"

Example- You are working hard at installing a new dishwasher and say, "This is too hard." In a growth mindset home, you would say, "This will take a lot of effort."

Example- You just came home from work and you are talking about your co-worker and say, "He must be smart." A growth mindset orientated parent would say, "I want to learn his strategies!"

Just a shift in your words can have a lasting impact on your child, and even you, as you embrace a growth mindset. Remember to have a growth mindset about developing a growth mindset! You may not be there yet, but with practice, effort, and hard work you will become successful.

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 18
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Grades K-2

Please sign up with homeroom teacher [here](#).

Grades 3-5

Please sign up with MUM and MUR teachers [here](#).

Grades 6-8

Please sign up with MUM and MUR teachers [here](#).

Special Education

Teachers have signups [here](#).

School counselors, music, art, phy ed, Spanish, and Middle School History and Science teachers will be available in their classrooms.

You may sign up for more than one spot if the time allowed isn't enough.

PAVE is seeking volunteers to bring food for teacher meals and to staff the uniform exchange during conferences.

Click [here](#) for Uniform Exchange info and sign up.

Click [here](#) for teacher meal info and sign up.

Email PAVE@cologneacademy.org with any questions.

Relay for Life Fundraiser

Way to go Cologne Academy students, staff, and families! We raised \$935 for the American Cancer Society during our Relay for Life Fundraiser!

From the School Counselors

October marks National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. We will honor the initiative by wearing orange on **Tuesday, October 25**
Staff and Students are welcome to wear any orange top with their uniform bottoms.

Anti-Bully School Initiatives in October

*5th grade students will be attending a presentation led by the Vikings Foundation for Anti-bullying.

*6-8th grade students will have special high school guest from Waconia presenting tools and ways to be a leader and friend.

*K-4th grade students, unfortunately our K-4 anti-bullying show has been cancelled, as it featured a clown in the program. Due to recent media events surrounding clowns, the organization cancelled all shows for the month of October. Each classroom has received a special lesson on bullying. Please ask your child about what they learned!

We are proud to report that all Middle School students signed an Anti-Bully Pledge.

If you are interested in having your child be a part of the Family Change/Divorce Support Group or finding out more information, please email Nicole Pierce.

Your school counselors,
Nicole Pierce, npierce@cologneacademy.org
Anji Johnson, ajohnson@cologneacademy.org

Veteran's Day Program

Cologne Academy's Veteran's Day Program will be held on Friday, November 11 at 2:30 pm in the CA Gym. Please join us to honor all Veterans!

We need your photos!

If you have a special serviceman/woman that you would like to honor in our Veteran's Day program please click [here](#) for a photo submission form (or pick a form up in the main office) to submit with a photograph. The photo will be included in the PowerPoint presentation during the Veteran's Day program. Thank you!

**Due date for all submission is
Wednesday, November 2nd!**

Lunch Orders

Lunch ordering for the month of November is open from October 14th- 20th.

Clubhouse

Clubhouse will be open on select non-school days throughout the year. If you need childcare for your student during Winter Break, please take the survey to let us know where needs are.

Survey will close on October 28. Click [here](#) for survey.

Support Cologne Academy

Looking for easy ways to support CA?

Bring your Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, Milk Moola caps, etc. to school when you come for conferences or send them any day with your child. We have a collection point outside the cafeteria or drop them off in the office or with a teacher.

Bring your aluminum cans for recycling! We have a collection trailer in the Northeast corner of the school parking lot.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know - same products, same prices, same service. Order from AmazonSmile and designate Cologne Academy as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to CologneAcademy whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Click [here](#) to log in through our unique CA link.

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Family Fun Night (FFN) Join us for Trunk or Treat at Cologne Academy on October 28th from 6:00pm-8:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there! As a reminder, all superheros, ninjas, and the like need to keep their costume's weapons at home._

Next Meeting

Monday, November 7 at 6:30 in the cafeteria. You are a member of PAVE! Please come and share your ideas so we can make this year another great year for everyone!

PAVE is seeking a secretary to record meeting minutes. Email PAVE if you are interested.

Contact PAVE at PAVE@cologneacademy.org.

From the Art Department

The Art Department of Cologne Academy would like to announce an exciting opportunity for all students and their families at CA. Students will be given the opportunity to order unique items from Square 1 Art that will have their very own personalized artwork on them! We will be starting some projects soon and finish all artwork by March. Students will receive an order catalog in March, but if you want to look ahead check out www.square1art.com to start thinking about what you might like to order. Orders will be shipped at the end of April 2017 in time for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Every item purchased will help raise money for the Art Department. Have fun scanning the website!

Cologne Fire Department Event

Happy Halloween

Monday, October 31

Make the Cologne Fire Station your FIRST STOP on Halloween for a safety glow stick and treat. Click [here](#) for flyer

4-H Open House

Come learn more about Carver County 4-H
"Get Green" Carver County 4-H Open House
Tuesday, November 1
6:00-8:00 pm
For more info click [here](#)

HFCHS Youth Volleyball Night

Families are invited to join the Holy Family Catholic High School community for Youth Fire Fan Night at Fire Volleyball on Tuesday, October 18. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. for pre-game fun with Fire volleyball players. Enjoy special seating, a free meal from concessions, between game activities, and some fun giveaways. For more information and to print your family's free admission ticket to the game click [here](#).

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is growing every day. We try to reunite items with their owner so **please label all items**.

Lunch Servers

Interested in serving lunch, but can't commit to a weekly schedule? Sign up to be a substitute lunch server. Contact Cathy Kerber at ckerber@cologneacademy.org if you are interested in becoming a lunch sub or would like more information.

Tutoring

Tutoring benefits students in many ways. It helps them to maintain their current skill level while increasing their confidence and therefore they become more successful in school. If you are interested in a positive one on one session to help build self-esteem please contact Lisa atklehr@cologneacademy.org to arrange dates and times. Licenses acquired from STU include Birth-3, K-6 Elementary Education, Special Education K-12 (ABS) and 8 years of tutoring students in grades K-8.